India has urged the Government to come up with a Central Legislation to ban sex determination tests in the country; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. A communication from the Voluntary Health Association of India has been received in this Ministry on 3rd February, 1988 through the Minister of State, Human Resource Development, Youth Affairs and Sports and Women & Child Development in this regard.

(b) A small Committee of Experts has already been constituted in this Ministry to go into the various aspects of this problem.

Incidence of Japanese Encephalitis in the country

189. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state what assistance has been provided by the Government to the States, stricken with Japanese Encephalitis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): There is no Plan scheme for providing assistance for the control of Japanese Encephalitis. However, the following assistance has been provided to the affected States:—

1. Insecticides namely DDT/BHC are supplied under NMEP (Rural) on 50:50 cost sharing basis for insecticidal spray in an area 2-3 km around a case wherever reported.

2. Fogging/ULV machines have been supplied by NMEP to affected areas.

3. Publicity/Health Education material.

4. Vaccines (Imported) had been supplied to the States by National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) on limited scale.

5. Indigenous vaccine produced at Central Research Institute, Kasauli, is being provided free of cost to the affected States for field trial purposes.

6. National Institute of Virology, Pune; School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta, All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Calcutta and National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi are involved in the programme for advice/diagnosis of cases.

Mosquito Repellents harmful to the human heart

190. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that medical studies have revealed that mosquito repellents widely used in the country are harmful to human heart;

(b) whether Government propose to issue a warning to the consumers about the effects of such repellents on health; and

(c) what are the popular brand names of these repellents, their prices and their product mix; and whether Government have any control in these matters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The Government of India has not come across any scientific report with positive evidence of harmful effects to the human heart by Mosquito repellents. The need for warning the consumers about the effect of such repellents on health does not appear to be necessary at present. The relevant legislation for control of quality is the Insecticides Act, 1968.

Setting up of an Indian National Highway Finance Corporation

191. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up an Indian National Highway Finance Corporation, if so, the equity capital and the other resources required to be mobilised for the purpose; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to enhance the Central Road Fund to raise resources for the development of National Highways; and if so, whether Government have worked out any formula in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Proposal for setting up suitable institutional arrangements for raising resources for National Highways and for enhancing the contributions to the Central Road Fund are under the consideration of Government.

Government Co-educational School in Sagarpur, Delhi

192. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the date when the Government Co-educational Middle School was established by the Delhi Administration in Sagarpur, Delhi;

(b) when was it upgraded as the Government Co-educational Secondary School and when was the latter school bifurcated into the Government Girls Secondary School and the Government Boys Secondary School;

(a) whether a Government Co-educational Senior Secondary School has ever functioned in the Sagarpur area, if so, for what period; and

(d) since when the present Government Girls Senior Secondary School has been functioning in the said area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (d) The Government Co-educational Middle School, Sagarpur, Delhi was established by Delhi Administration in 1979-80 and the same was upgraded as Government Co-educational Secondary School in 1982-83. This schnol was bifurcated as Government Boys Secondary School and Government Girls Secondary School in 1984-85. The Government Girls Secondary School was upgraded to Government Girls Senior Secondary School in 1986-87.

International Hindi University

193. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Education Ministers' conference, held under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister last year had decided to set up an Inter-